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NOTES OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Baltimore in Easter week, March 29-31, upon the invitation of Johns Hopkins University and Goucher College. The meeting of the Directors will be held on Monday evening, March 28.

A special meeting of the Directors of the Society was held in New York City, November 27, 1920, to consider certain matters of business referred to them by the Executive Committee. The Directors took action, which was corroborated by a vote by mail of absent members, cordially inviting the Asiatic Societies of France, Great Britain and Italy to unite in joint session with this Society at its coming Annual Meeting in Baltimore. The Secretary has accordingly issued the invitations.

NOTES OF OTHER SOCIETIES

The Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association held their annual meetings at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, December 28-30. Topics of general Oriental interest presented in the program of the Institute were 'Roman Wall Paintings on the Upper Euphrates' by Prof. J. H. Breasted, and 'A Papyrus Manuscript of a Part of the Septuagint' by Prof. H. A. Sanders; in the program of the Philological Association, 'On the Language of the Hittites' by Prof. M. Bloomfield, 'Bellerophon's Tablets and the Homeric Question in the Light of Oriental Research' by Prof. N. Schmidt, and 'A Translation of the *Peta Vatthu*, I and II' by Dr. H. S. Gehman. The officers of the Institute were reelected. The officers of the Philological Association elected for the present year are Prof. W. B. McDaniel, president; Prof. F. G. Allinson and Prof. F. K. Rand, vice-presidents; Prof. C. P. Bill, secretary and treasurer.

The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis held its annual meeting at the General Theological Seminary, New York, December 27-28. The Presidential address by Prof. A. T. Clay was an illustrated account of 'A Recent Journey through Babylonia and Assyria.' Other topics of general interest presented were, 'Ensilage in the Bible' by Prof. P. Haupt, 'Canticles as a Conventionalized Tammuz-Ishtar Liturgy' by Prof. T. J. Meek, and an illustrated description of 'A Papyrus Manuscript of a Part of the Septuagint' by Prof. H. A. Sanders. New officers elected are Prof. K. Fullerton, president; Prof. H. A. Sanders, vice-president.

The Managing Committee of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem held its annual meeting in connection with the Biblical Society. The Executive Committee was reelected and Prof. W. J. Moulton was added to it as representing the Society of Biblical Literature. Dr. W. F. Albright was reappointed Acting Director of the School for 1921-22, and Prof. W. J. Hinke, of Auburn Theological Seminary, was appointed Annual Professor for the same year. At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee, on January 31, Prof. M. G. Kyle, of Xenia Theological Seminary, who has gone to Palestine for some months' sojourn, was appointed a Lecturer in the

School for this year, and it having been announced that Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania, was expected to spend the year 1921-22 in the Orient, he was appointed Lecturer in the School for that season.

The following is the program of the Fourth General Meeting of the Palestine Oriental Society held in Jerusalem January 19: 'Traditions secondaires sur la grotte de Macpélah' by Père Abel; 'Political Parties in Palestine: Qaisi and Yemeni' by Mr. E. N. Haddad; 'Le sacrifice dans le tribu des Fuqara' by Père Jaussen; 'La ville de Ramses d'après les documents égyptiens' by Père Mallon; 'The excavations at Tiberias' by Dr. Slousch; 'The Melodic Theme in Ancient Hebrew Prayers' by Mr. A. Z. Idelson; 'Haunted Springs and Water-Demons in Palestine' by Dr. Canaan; 'A Visit to Petra by an Englishman in 1852' by Mr. L. G. A. Cust.

The Directors of the University of Pennsylvania Museum have decided to excavate Bethshean (Scythopolis) in the Jordan Valley. The funds are in hand and permission has been secured from the local government.

The organization last summer of the Dutch Oriental Society (Oostersch Genootschap in Nederland) is announced, with its seat in Leiden. Dr. C. Snouck Hurgronje is provisional president, and Dr. J. Ph. Vogel (address, Noordeindsplein 4a) is secretary.

PERSONALIA

WILLIAM H. FURNESS, 3D, M. D., a Member of this Society, died at Wallingford, Pa., August 11, 1920, in his fifty-fifth year. An explorer in the Far East, he was the author of *Head Hunters of Borneo*, *Stone Money*, and other learned publications.

JOSEPH G. ROSENGARTEN, LL.D., a Member of this Society, died in Philadelphia on January 14, at the age of eighty-five. His life was one of broad-minded devotion to all public causes, civic, educational and philanthropic, and he was a benefactor of Oriental and archaeological enterprises.

It is announced that the remaining manuscript left behind by the late Prof. C. H. W. JOHNS, of Cambridge University, for the completion of his *Assyrian Deeds and Documents*, will be edited by Mrs. Johns.

In celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the doctorate of Professor MAURICE BLOOMFIELD, fourteen of his pupils have just published a volume entitled 'Studies in Honor of Maurice Bloomfield, Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology in the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland' (Yale University Press, New Haven, 1920; pp. xxxii, 312; \$6.00). The volume contains a biographical sketch and bibliography of Professor Bloomfield's writings to date, in addition to the fourteen articles, which are mostly devoted to Indological or Comparative-Philological subjects. The names of about two hundred and fifty 'Subscribers and Cooperating Dedicators', who joined the contributors in honoring Professor Bloomfield, are also printed in the volume.